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SUBJECT: SRI LANKAN PERMREP INQUIRY ON STATUS OF INDIAN
OCEAN TALKS

1. SRI LANKAN PERMREP FERNANDO ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSELOR GOONERATNE CALLED ON AMB LEONARD ON AUGUST 22 TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE CURRENT STATUS OF US/SOVIET TALKS ON THE INDIAN OCEAN. FERNANDO SAID HE WAS RAISING THIS MATTER IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN. HE SAID THAT HE HAD COME UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE AT THE BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE FROM ALL MEMBERS TO PROD THE US AND USSR TO RESUME THE TALKS AND REACH AN EARLY AGREEMENT ON LIMITATION OF THEIR MILITARY PRESENCE.

2. THE RELEVANT PART OF THE BELGRADE FINAL DOCUMENT STATES: "WHILE NOTING THAT THE TALKS AIMED AT LIMITATION OF THEIR MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE GREAT POWERS, THE CONFERENCE EMPHASIZED THEIR LIMITED SCOPE AND NATURE AS THEY DID NOT GO FAR ENOUGH TOWARDS MEETING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE. THE MINISTERS ALSO EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE FACT THAT EVEN IN THESE LIMITED TALKS THERE WAS AN APPARENT LACK OF PROGRESS.

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THEY CALLED UPON THE GREAT POWERS TO ENLARGE THE SCOPE OF THEIR TALKS AND TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES WITH A VIEW TO FULFILLING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2832."

3. FERNANDO TOLD LEONARD THAT UPON HIS RETURN FROM

BELGRADE HE RAISED THIS MATTER WITH SOVIET UN MISSION
CHARGE FOKINE WHO PLACED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CURRENT
IMPASSE IN THE TALKS ON THE US. FERNANDO REQUESTED
LEONARD TO OBTAIN AN UPDATED ASSESSMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT
ON PROSPECTS FOR RESUMPTION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN TALKS WHICH
HE COULD USE FOR PRESENTATION TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S REPLY FOR TRANSMISSION
TO FERNANDO. YOUNG

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